



BRIEFS

County sets August schedule for senior outreach services

UNION—The division on aging of the Department of Human Services announced its elderly outreach services program schedule for August.

According to Union County Freeholder Edwin Force, the program will allow senior citizens of Union County to apply for vital services such as Pharmaceutical Assistance (PAAD), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Home Energy Assistance (HEAP), and the SHARE food program. For further information, call 1-908-518-9000.

Demoted employee hits Exxon with discrimination lawsuit

MADISON—An African-American woman filed suit against Exxon, saying she suffered discrimination in her position.

Marcella Jenkins, who worked as a senior accountant, in the Research and Engineering division in Florham Park, claimed her supervisors and one of the men assigned to review her division for possible cuts discriminated against her, eventually demoting and transferring her out of her division. The man who reviewed her case, Heiner Paetzold, admitted to discriminatory behavior during an internal investigation, the suit said, but was not held accountable.

UPS, Teamsters strike is leaving businesses without needed service

TRENTON—The Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service is creating shipping delays for companies across the country.

David Tucker, president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Union County, says the strike raised some crucial business insurance questions because, in most cases, "there is no coverage for extra expenses or loss of income caused or aggravated by a strike." There are generally no standard insurance policies that provide strike coverage of any sort except for physical damage done to an insured business property by strikers.

Congressional Caucus blasts Clinton crack sentencing proposal

WASHINGTON, DC—The Congressional Black Caucus has expressed their disappointment at the new sentencing recommendation on crack and power cocaine, and their concern at White House claims that they were consulted about the recommendations.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) sent a letter to President Clinton saying that, while the recommendations are an improvement, they are far from fair. "She also said that, 'If the White House had consulted us, they claim, that would be one thing. But to claim consultation when there was none, is unacceptable.'"

Hall reports increase in Newark school attendance, test scores

NEWARK—Public schools here announced significant progress in achievement test scores, truancy and drop-out rates. Dr. Beverly Hall, state district superintendent, also noted a significant increase in attendance. "Our continuing emphasis on student achievement, staff development and parent involvement is showing concrete results." Attendance for the 1996-97 school year was at a five-year high of 90.2 percent, the third time in the past 25 years that this level.

New Brunswick school board seats filled

By Brian M. Villa

Mayor Jim Cahill's announcement of two school board appointments, Patricia Sadowski and Erma Seawood to the New Brunswick Board of Education will now mean that a complete seven member board will be present at its August 19 meeting for the first time in over a year.

Sadowski, former president of the Woodrow Wilson School Parent Teacher Association, will fill the term of former board member Mark Finklestein, which expires in May 1999. Finklestein is now the superintendent of the county's Educational Services Commission. Seawood, a College Avenue resident and vice president of the New Brunswick High School Parent

Teacher Organization, will fill the unexpired term of former board member Ben Bucca, which expires in May 1998.

Dino Zarella, a 20-year veteran of the board was pleased with the news of a seven member board. "It's been a long time," The Home News & Tribune reported him as saying, "sometimes we sweat it out just trying to get a quorum."

The appointments come less than two weeks after education activist Joy Sheehan had threatened to file an ethical complaint against Bucca with the state Department of Education, alleging a conflict between his school board position and his \$18,000 a-year, part time position as assistant city attorney. Sadowski, a Rutgers Village resident see NEW BRUNSWICK/page 10

The dog days of summer



Pedro Garces and his kids Bryant, 2, Besira, 5, and Geraldine, 8 enjoy the dog days of summer

Urban League launches youth family community initiative

Washington, DC—The National Urban League and a coalition of African-American organizations today launched a nation-wide initiative to create infrastructures and supports that better encourage African American youth to strive for excellence and enable them to achieve at world class academic levels.

The initiative, called The Campaign for African American Achievement, will use the support of African-American churches, sororities and fraternities, civic and social organizations, and professional associations to lift the achievement levels of African-



Hugh Price

American youth. "Never before has the ability to learn and the challenge to instill the importance and relevance of education and success in our youth been so important," said Hugh Price, president, National Urban League.

"As we embark upon a technology-driven information age, and in view of a growing performance gap between minority youth and others, it is imperative that young African Americans be well-prepared and supported by an environment that will foster their ability to compete in today's marketplace."

This campaign responds to a growing sense of crisis in the academic and social development of African American youth. The performance gap between white students and African-American youth, which has narrowed in the decade prior to 1988, has been growing. Although 15.3 percent of high school students in 1993-94 were African Americans, they comprised only 12.5 percent of those who received regular high school diplomas in that year. In addition, African American students regularly score below all other ethnic groups on the SAT's scoring 162 points below the national average in 1993-94.

The National Urban League

"Organizing the Campaign for African American Achievement is just one of the ways in which we keep that promise. Local Urban League chapters will act as the facilitator and organizer of community efforts to solve local problems through shared visions goals and strategies."

"Working together we can reverse this slump in academic achievement."

Plainfield's bidding process questioned

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

PLAINFIELD—Minority-owned Plainfield bus companies operating in the Plainfield Public School System are concerned after a June 17 school board meeting announcing bidding to be held for all contracts, including the ones under minority set-aside provisions. On August 5, Amaker & Porterfield filed a petition to state education officials to intervene on their behalf.

A decision must be made on the contracts by the August 19 board meeting. In its July 15 meeting, the Board of Education rejected all the bids.

In 1988, the board set a goal of awarding 33 percent of its transportation contracts to minority firms. Black female-owned vendors in the city have been operating under these provisions for twelve years, and the loss of these contracts threatens to put them out of business.

The Plainfield Task Force to

save Plainfield's Black Businesses contend that the decision to begin bidding violates state law. "This is not an attack on the community," the Rev. Dr. Shirley B. Cahill of the Task Force said. "We don't want (Superintendent Larry Lewent) impeached. We want to work with the board in a partnership."

The Task Force initiated support for Amaker & Porterfield, when concerns first began to surface in May. Eventually, they learned of other vendors in the same situation.

The State Department of Education received the petition on behalf of Julia Porterfield, president of Amaker & Porterfield, and it will be assigned to a judge from the Office of Administrative Law.

Rev. Dr. Cahill notes that 55 persons in Plainfield hired by Amaker & Porterfield stand to lose their jobs if their efforts are unsuccessful.

The task people urged the board to halt the process, noting that staff

members of the Plainfield Schools failed to inform potential bidders of the requirements to fulfill the contract and ignored communicating with vendors regarding renewal of contracts and the opportunity to submit bids.

The loss of Amaker & Porterfield, for example can also particularly hurt the indigent, Medicaid/Medicare patients, and physically challenged students whom the carrier caters to particularly. Another letter to President Smiley expressed concern about what losing their services may mean for this segment of society and also stated that since the special education program is state-funded, the argument that this will lower local taxes hardly makes sense.

The Task Force will continue to solicit support of other minority businesses as well as the community in general. "It is important that we take care of our own," she said. "No one else will."



Rev. Dr. L. Ronald Durham

Newark Minister Chosen to Lead 50,000+ NJ Baptist's

NEWARK—The North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association recently elected the Rev. Dr. L. Ronald Durham, pastor of the First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Newark, to the post of Moderator. He will serve as the

Plainfield Mayor snubs Farrakhan

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Mark Fury rejected a request that Minister Louis Farrakhan was given the key to the city, saying the coverage of "being cold-shouldered by an African-American mayor brought bad press" for the leader of the Nation of Islam.

Minister Farrakhan, scheduled to visit the city on August 12 to promote the second anniversary of the Million Man March, will bring a message of freedom justice equality and self-determination. The visit was to include a press conference, a private meeting with the members of Mosque No. 80, and a public presentation at Plainfield High School. The previous evening, he spoke at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

Followers of Minister Farrakhan went before the City Council during their August 4 meeting to request the key to the city, a request the council said only the mayor could grant. Mayor Fury refused the request the request has said the Friday before. The mayor further noted that he has had little opposition to his decision.

On the July 4, Fury gave the key to two members of recording group Parliament-Funkadelic, after their induction to the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. Before that he bestowed the honor on post laureate Rita Dove when she appeared at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Fury says the issue is unimportant and other matters need to be dealt with. "The main focus is form over substance," the mayor said. "In three years, Plainfield has had better government than they ever had before, and they rejected it. The real issue is how black leaders are establishing each other in the back." Two

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adopted the new slogan, "Our Children-Our Destiny" to show our renewed focus of African American youth and out commitment to helping improve their success in life," said Price.

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spirital leader of the 75-church, 50,000-member body into the year 2001. His duties are to oversee the affairs of the Association's member churches. "The Moderator is called in when a specific congregation has questions regarding doctrinal positions, or disputes that need clarification," he explained.

As head of the state's largest African-American Baptist Association, Dr. Durham has two major goals. Towards his first goal, to increase religious educational opportunities, he has plans to establish an accredited Christian college in New Jersey, offering Associate, Bachelor, and Master degrees in religious studies.

The second goal of his administration will be to offer assistance for the further development of church outreach. "We are putting together an Economic Development Team to generate financial resources in order to help us broaden our level of assistance to the disadvantaged in our congregation and community."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Public Library presents a Gardening Lecture. Master gardener Leslie Philo presents the possibilities house plants offer to the average home owner. For more information, call 908-354-6060.

SOMERVILLE—The Planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College is presenting a family sky show titled "Space Bus." For more information, call 908-231-8865.

MOUNTAINSIDE—Turtleback Zoo brings live animals to trail-side. Vince Sharp will accompany a variety of animals from Turtleback Zoo in West Orange to Mountainide. Creatures from fishers, lizards, and snakes will be featured. For more information, call 908-785-3670.

TRENTON—The NJ Historical Commission, Dept. of State, has scheduled free evening workshops for the benefit of potential applicants to its grants program. To register or for additional information, call 609-292-6062.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

JERSEY CITY—The NJ chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) will sponsor its annual "First Course in Fund Raising" at the historic Central Rail Road Station at Liberty State Park. For more information, call 609-585-6871.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive will be at First Union National Building from 9:00-2:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Public Library lecture presentation on preparing the last will and testament, clearly explained by educator Elaine Przypado of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. For more information, call 908-354-6060.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive at South Plainfield Eas from 8-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

MONMOUTH PARK—The greater NJ chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America will be off to the races when it hosts a fund-raising luncheon at Monmouth Park Race Track in Oceanport. For more information, call 732-656-1244.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

UNION—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of parks and recreation cordially invites

all interested persons to an Open House at the Watchung Stables. For additional information, call 908-785-3665.

BUDD LAKE—The 7th Annual Indian Powwow & Western Festival fund-raiser at NJ Vasa Park. The event will continue on Sunday. For more information, call 201-627-2595.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive to be at St. Joseph's Church from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

NEPTUNE—The Monmouth County Park System has scheduled a one-day trip to the Bellmore Inner Harbor area. For more information or to register, call the Park System at 732-842-4000.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a lecture and group discussion on "Women Raising Your Self-Esteem" from 4:30-6:00 p.m. For more information, call 201-520-3189.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a lecture and group discussion on "CLEP: How to Earn College Credits" from 1:00-2:00p.m. For more information, call 201-520-3189.

SCOTCH PLAINS

—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive will be at Scotch Plains Municipal Building from 2-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

SCOTCH PLAINS—The American Red Cross Plainfield Area Chapter blood drive at the Church of Jesus Christ. For more information, call 908-756-6414.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

MAHWAH—Ramapo College is offering a specially designed four-credit course to help ease the adult student's transition into the rigors and pleasures of a college education. For more information, call 201-529-7441.

LINCROFT

—The Monmouth County park system has scheduled a trip to the Culinary Institute of America located on New York's scenic Hudson River. For more information, call 732-842-4000.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

NEWARK—"Islam: Muslim Ethnic Neighborhoods in Africa and New Africa." For more information, call 201-824-7925.

UMDNJ honors health council



The University Medal of Honor was presented to the UMDNJ Minority Health Council by UMDNJ President Dr. Stanley S. Berger Jr., second from left. Accepting the award on behalf of the 22-member council were, from left, Debra Johnson, project coordinator for the council and the UMDNJ Department of Urban and Community Affairs, George Hampton, council president and UMDNJ vice president of urban and community affairs, and Dr. Antonio Ty, a member of the council's executive committee and professor of clinical pediatrics at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School.

Monmouth county receives \$785,000 from Whitman for road improvements



Monmouth County Freeholder Thomas J. Powers, center, happily accepts a check in the amount of \$785,000 from Governor Christine Todd Whitman (right) for road improvements in the county. The Governor presented the state grant to the Board of Chosen Freeholders during her "Town Hall Meeting," held recently in Freehold Township. Standing to the left of Freeholder Powers is Ocean County Freeholder James Mancini, who was present to accept a check on behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders. In addition to the one and a half hour question and answer session with the public, the Governor's Cabinet met all day—on with area residents and officials.

Trenton students learn to mind their business



Kevin Wortham, standing, president of the Youth Works Distribution of Trenton, NJ, discusses business fundamentals and strategies as students from the Arthur J. Holland Middle School in Trenton browse The Wall Street Journal. The students have been participating for the past seven months in Rider University's "Minding Our Business" community service/mentoring project, which is aimed at developing entrepreneurial skills in inner-city youths while educating student mentors from Rider's College of Business Administration on the management side of business.

Baton Rouge dietician named national spokesperson for ADA

Dixon joins a nationwide network of 28 spokespeople that communicate the importance of sound nutrition to the public on behalf of the nearly 70,000 member association. While her primary role will be the association's expert on African-American food and nutrition, Dixon will speak on behalf of ADA's campaigns and initiatives.

Dixon, a dietician in private practice at the Dixon Medical and Nutrition Clinic, Baton Rouge, La., is author of Good Health for African-Americans and Good Health for African-Americans Kids. Commissioned by the Governor of Louisiana, she has served as a member of both Louisiana's Infant Mortality Task force and Adolescent Pregnancy Commission.

Barbara Dixon, R.D., L.D.N.

Resident Barbara Dixon, R.D. (registered dietician), has been selected as a national media spokesperson for The American Dietetic Association (ADA), the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals.

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P.O. Box 65998
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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Congressman blasts President on Libertad Act

Representative Bob Menendez, in a statement issued recently, expressed dissatisfaction at President Clinton's failure to implement Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, also known as the Libertad Act, which allows Americans to sue foreign companies who traffic stolen American property in Cuba.

"President Clinton further failed to capitalize on a tremendous opportunity to use today's waiver as a bargaining tool in negotiations with the European Union regarding the prohibition of foreign investment in expropriated property," Rep. Menendez said.

This is the third time Clinton refused to implement the title. Menendez urges the President to waive Title III if negotiations with the European Union are unsuccessful.

33 cent stamp plan draws anger from national organizations

Portraying it as unjustifiable and unmitigated gall, newspapers across the nation have taken editorial positions opposed to the Postal Service's plan for a billion dollar stamp increase. The Postal Service filed a request with the Postal Rate Commission to increase stamp price to 33 cents.

"Now the Postal Service is pleading poverty, claiming it needs a one-cent increase to continue operating in the black," The San Diego Union-Tribune's editorial said. "This doesn't add up." The San Antonio Express News editorialized, "The Postal Service just doesn't get it. It needs more sense, not more cents."

The Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail First Class has called to make the independent PRC the final authority on mail rates.

Delegation finds South African doctors aided in racial tension

A U.S. human rights delegation has proven the racist role of many South African psychiatrists in apartheid and their involvement in the "medical killing" of blacks.

"It is the racist psychological and psychiatric studies and tests which gave license to apartheid," Jan Eastgate, president of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights International (CCHRI).

The 120-page report from the commission claimed that several psychiatrists were key in devising and implementing racist psychological studies and IQ tests to falsely label blacks as inferior so that they could be denied education and employment.

Toricelli one of two democrats to support juvenile justice bill

U.S. Senator Robert G. Toricelli was one of only two Judiciary Committee Democrats to support a juvenile justice bill aimed at the prevention and punishment of juvenile crime. The legislation passed by the committee today by a vote of 12-6 also included a Toricelli provision



Senator Toricelli

to increase reporting requirements in the national hate crimes database. The juvenile justice legislation, S.10, will give prosecutors wider discretion to try juveniles as adults, create tough new sanctions against criminal gang activity, and increase penalties for certain firearm violations. In addition, the bill provides new money for prison construction, prosecutors, and drug testing. Efforts to include several gun control measures were defeated by the committee. "This legislation gives

law enforcement officials the tools they need to keep violent offenders, including children, off the streets. We must work to prevent juvenile crime, but we must also send a clear message to youths who violate the law that their actions will not be tolerated," said Toricelli.

"Despite my vote in favor of the juvenile justice bill, I am disappointed that the committee failed to approve several key gun control provisions such as child safety locks. I am committed to renewing

the fight for these provisions when this bill reaches the Senate floor," added Toricelli. Also included in the legislation was an amendment proposed by Toricelli requiring the FBI to include the age of hate crime offenders in its national database. Because there is no national tracking system for the age of offenders, it is impossible to determine conclusive national statistics. For example, one recent study showed that as many as two-thirds of all hate crimes in 1994

and 1995 were committed by youths between the ages of 11 and 20. However, another suggested that only half of all hate crime offenders were under the age of 20. "In New Jersey alone, there were over 100 hate crimes in 1995. The amendment included in the juvenile justice bill will allow us to track the age of the perpetrators of these offensive crimes, and to make better decisions about the best ways to prevent and punish these crimes in the future," said Toricelli.

Mississippi elects first black mayor

MISSISSIPPI—For the first time in Mississippi history, voters in the capital city of Jackson acknowledged that they seriously lagged behind other southern states and municipalities in blacks gaining political parity, and elected Harvey Johnson the state's first African-American mayor and Jackson's newest political leader.

"I can't forget from whence we've come because if we forget that then we stand a chance of repeating history. We're not going to repeat that history in Jackson," Johnson said during his inaugural speech.

More than 1,000 people crowded the magnolia-lined lawn of City Hall for the nearly two-hour ceremony that included gospel music and a symphony performance.

Speaking from the steps of the plantation-style public building, constructed more than a century ago, Johnson said, "I can remember in the mid-60s when we were forbidden to stand here, couldn't go into the building. Now, the deep South has finally acquiesced to needed change."

Johnson, a 50-year-old government planner and former member of the state Tax Commission, pledged to crack down on crime with better pay for law enforcement officers to improve education in schools and communication.

Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson said Johnson may face some of the same struggles he had as the Georgia city's first Black mayor, including "exaggerated expectations in the black community."

"Do not expect him to change things overnight," Jackson warned.

Johnson gave the crowd the thumbs-up sign and appeared near tears during his 20-minute speech. White and black supporters were among the well-wishers, although there was at least one detractor.

White supremacist Richard Barnett stood on the City Hall sidewalk with a sign that read, "No Good Ever Came From Slaves Taking Over the Plantation."

"It's significant that slaves, Johnson's ancestors, built this building. He is moving into it—late, but he's moving into it," said supporter Bill Griffin.

Amendment passed against work discrimination

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Albert Wynn (D-MD) offered an amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill which would provide desperately needed additional funding for the Department of Agriculture's DOA Office of Civil Rights Enforcement. The amendment adds \$1.5 million to civil rights enforcement at the DOA.

Rep. Wynn addressed the issue of discrimination in the federal workplace and the huge backlog of Equal Employment Opportunity complaints during his press conference held on July 7. In his remarks, Rep. Wynn stated, "This is an issue of fairness. Federal employees in this country deserve to work in a place in which discrimination complaints are taken seriously and dealt with appropriately and expeditiously."

"I am pleased that the House of Representatives have taken the first step toward addressing discrimination at the Department of Agriculture. I believe that if we are sincere about fighting discrimination and improving race relations in our country, we need to start in our own backyard. There is no better agency to start with than the Agriculture Department," he concluded.



From the U.S. House of Representatives Triangle, Oscar Eason Jr., president, Blacks in Government asked President Clinton and the newly formed Presidential Advisory Board on Race to support "the complete overhaul of the present equal opportunity process." Maryland Congressman Albert Wynn (left), who called the press conference, Congressman Elijah Cummings (partially hidden) and District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (right) look on. Others in the photo include (left) Mr. Andre Jordan, from the National Association for the Advancement of Black Federal Employees, Department of Interior; (near left) Mr. Rudy Arrendondo, president, Hispanic Leadership Alliance, the Department of Agriculture; (near right) Mr. Lawrence Lucas, president, Coalition of Minority Employees, Department of Agriculture.

The organization Blacks In Government (BIG) joined Rep. Wynn and other supporters like Eleanor Holmes Norton, DC congressional delegate, and Rep. Elijah Cummings outside the US Capitol to address the issue. BIG President

Oscar Eason, Jr. asked the President to "take away all EEO enforcement responsibilities from individual Federal agencies" because "the fox is guarding the chicken coup," meaning the agencies charged with enforcing equal employment laws are also part of the institution

charged with discrimination. Mr. Eason also asked for full funding for the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission so that the agency can fully handle its enforcement responsibilities.

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EDITORIAL

Minister Farrakhan deserves the key!

Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury's decision to refuse a key to the city to Minister Louis Farrakhan misses the point. Minister Wallace D. Muhammad of Mosque No. 80 pointed out that this was an opportunity to pay tribute to a leader recognized throughout the world as one of its foremost leaders. After the civil rights movements of the sixties and the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., Black Americans were starved for direction and leadership. Minister Farrakhan took on that mantle of responsibility and created a movement and a consciousness that promises to secure the future of Black America.

No other black leader could have built such a feeling of self-worth and determination, although many have tried. This year longtime detractors are even recognizing him for his efforts. Just a few weeks ago Minister Farrakhan was named an Imam, fellow Muslims recognizing him as a leader among all Muslims.

Mayor Fury is correct in suggesting that the issue of Black leaders stabbing each other in the back is a more pertinent issue than the key to the city. Minister Muhammad also reminded us that Minister Farrakhan is not looking for awards from no one but God. It still would have been a noble gesture on the part of the Mayor to recognize Minister Farrakhan's contribution to society and to the city in particular.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Jim McGreevey's recent actions are nothing if not outrageous. He actually voted against a bill which will lower by \$350 million the amount New Jersey taxpayers will pay in electric and gas utilities over the next six years. Even more incredibly, by voting against the same bill, McGreevey opposed providing New Jersey Taxpayers with \$3.74 billion of property tax relief over the next five years.

Fortunately for hard working citizens of New Jersey, not one other member of the state Senate-Democrat or Republican-voted against this pro-taxpayer bill. Could it be that McGreevey opposed this worthwhile bill simply because it was Governor Whitman's initiative? With McGreevey, it's self-serving politics as usual.

I just have one question for you, Mr. McGreevey, if you can't even get one other Democrat or any Republican in the state Senate to vote with you, what makes you think you have the wherewithal to lead the entire state of New Jersey? In November, I will vote for four more years of Christie Whitman.

Frank Meeks

A blow to democracy

By George Wilson

It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the fact that the Congressional Black Caucus had a record number of members. This dramatic increase was driven by the creation of so-called Majority-Minority districts. These were Congressional districts with boundaries drawn to maximize minority voter participation and to virtually guarantee that a "minority" would be elected to Congress.

Not surprisingly, there were elements of American society who were not cheering the fact that certain groups were playing in a game from which they had previously been excluded. Because of their discontent, these individuals and groups filed lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the creation of Minority-Majority districts. These challenges were successful and as a result, certain Congressional districts were redrawn. Aside from the constitutional issues, many of the districts were considered invalid because of their shape. That argument is particularly interesting since the shape of predominantly white districts have never been at issue.

The state of Georgia was able to send two African Americans to Congress because of the creation of the 11th and 2nd districts. Sanford Bishop (D-GA) and Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) were able to

provide representation to those who had been left out under the previous arrangement. In spite of the fact that Bishop and McKinney successfully ran in districts that were not Majority-Minority, they both contend that their original districts were excellent remedies for past exclusion.

Many hoped that once the redistricting case reached the Supreme Court, it would overturn the lower court decision which declared the districts unconstitutional. Unfortunately, by a vote of 5 to 4, the High Court affirmed the lower court decision.

McKinney sees the Supreme Court's decision as a clear indication that the Voting Rights Act, which is due for renewal in the year 2007, needs to be watched closely by those who have been victimized in the past. "I think that what we are clearly facing is an environment where we do not have the protections of the Voting Rights Act. Where southern legislatures are free to work their will without the protection of the Justice Department's Voting Rights Section and all that it implies for Minolotas and people who do not have power in the South."

All one has to do is look at the past when poll taxes, grandfather clauses, and other impediments stood as obstacles to the participation of African Americans in the electoral system. The Supreme Court sent voters in Georgia and the rest of the nation a message that there are going to be some pitched battles over who deserves representation and who does not.

McKinney notes that the High Court couldn't have been much clearer. "In delivering this decision, the Supreme Court has affirmed a double standard in the treatment of Black voters and white voters and has unleashed southern legislatures to decide who gets represented in our current electoral system."

"It seems the voting game for African Americans is played with an ever changing set of rules. Conventional wisdom held that voting could be a tool of empowerment. Instead, the Supreme Court seems to be saying that it may be time to closely examine a system that seems to allow politicians to choose who will vote for them."

The rape and murder of democracy

By Asika Muhammad

When the historic bi-partisan budget balancing agreement and so-called "rescue" of the financially struggling District of Columbia government was announced, Washington Mayor Marion Barry denounced it as a "rape of democracy." Unfortunately, because it was Marion Barry expressing the outrage, the complaint was largely ignored, until now that is.

Now that the ink is dry on the agreement, and both the President and Republican Congressional leaders are popping the buttons on their vests, boasting and taking credit for the deal, the true extent of the outrage to the rights of the residents of the capital city of the world's "icon of democracy" has been exposed.

The bottom line is, residents of Washington, D.C. don't have any rights left, except any one living in any of the 50 states of the Union are bound to respect.

All power in Washington is now wielded by a non-elected Financial Control Authority, or "Control Board." In truth, are the rights of

any "citizen" of the United States still secure?

To say that the right to democracy for the residents of Washington has been "raped" is really an understatement.

That right was raped back even before the Control Board was first put in place two years ago, when the Republican Congressional majority stripped D.C.'s lone Congressional "official" of the limited right to "vote" on the floor of the House of Representatives.

This latest crime, "negotiated" by the President, leaves democracy in the capital city of the "free world" dead. That is because not one single official elected by the voters of Washington has even an ounce of power.

Not an ounce, when the Control Board took over two years ago, its first act was doing away with all the authority of the elected School Board, appointing instead is a Trustee Board. Still, the schools are no better than before, a dozen of them unable to open on time last year, and some of those that opened, did so without heat and supplies.

Now the Control Board is

expected to "micro-manage" the entire city, hiring and firing managers, agency heads. Next I guess they'll be hiring and firing dog catchers and street sweepers.

The D.C. School Board was the first elected body permitted in D.C., even before there was a City Council, even before there was an elected mayor, even before there was an elected, but nonvoting "delegate" to Congress.

The status of the rights of people in Washington is below that of Guam, or Samoa, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. At least people living in those areas—which also send non-voting "delegates" to Congress—can send their own teams to the Olympic Games, and they don't have to listen to American Congressional hypocrites mouthing off about "freedom" and "democracy" every evening on their local news.

Although the rhetoric justifying this murder of democracy in Washington talks about the need for proper "management" of the nearly bankrupt city, such talk is nothing more than a thin disguise to hide the resentment by the White powers-

that—be on Capitol Hill of the choice by D.C. voters of one man—Mr. Barry—as their top elected official. Plenty of American jurisdictions have elected—seemingly "unworthy" people to high public office. Plenty of jurisdictions have suffered gross financial mismanagement, even bankruptcy.

Louisiana is notorious for electing convicted felons as governor. New York, Chicago, and other cities have had embarrassing chambers as mayor. Boston even re-elected a mayor while he was still in jail!

No, Washington is a special place, and has always been subject to a special scrutiny, maybe because it was a refuge, a place where slavery was not permitted, even though it was carved out of two slave-holding states, Maryland and Virginia.

The double irony of all this is that D.C.'s first mayor was fired back in 1891 or so, for spending \$20,000 to pave the streets.

So now, instead of firing Washington's officials, those officials and the value of the votes of the citizens who chose them have been rendered meaningless, dead, not simply "raped," but murdered.

Celebrating Marcus Garvey's birthday

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrell

August is an important month in the worldwide African Liberation Movement.

This is the month we pay tribute to the legacy of one of our greatest organizers and leaders who served the African World Community—the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

One of the major objectives of this year's celebration of Marcus Garvey should be the continued study of the works of this great Black hero who died in London, England on June 10, 1940. Marcus Garvey left a rich legacy of history for us to study and utilize in our continued quest for independence and liberation as a people.

The Provisional Government and organization he founded, the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and the African Communities League, in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1914, will help us pay tribute in the month of August to the legacy of this giant in our struggle.

Marcus Garvey was born August 17, 1887 in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica to the parents of Marcus "Mr. Garvey" was a descendant of the Maroons. The Maroons were

Africans who managed to escape slavery by jumping from slave ships, or by fleeing slave plantations and establishing well fortified communities deep into Jamaica's interior. Garvey's mother was said to be an extraordinary beauty and possessed a gentle personality. She was said to have been a deeply religious person.

Marcus Garvey left school at the age of 14 and became an apprentice printer in Kingston. He worked for a private printing company and eventually became a foreman. At the age of 29, in 1907, Garvey, a tough part of management, led a newly formed printer's union strike.

The company promised Garvey big rewards and benefits if he would discontinue his union organizing. Garvey refused and was fired and "blacklisted" by the private printing companies in Kingston.

This experience intensified Garvey's political curiosity concerning the condition of Black people. It was at this point, 1909, that he formed the National Club and its publication *Our Own*.

From this point forward, Garvey decided to devote his life to the upliftment of the masses. He published his first newspaper, *The Watchman*,

which gave him an opportunity to express his emerging political views on the plight of Black people.

While unable to gain support for his organization, Garvey began to travel. He spent time on Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Colombia, and Venezuela. There travels gave Garvey an opportunity to observe that whenever Black people and whites were in close proximity, Black people were on the bottom.

Garvey continued to travel and in 1911 he went to London. He was able to test out his speaking ability on the condition of Black people worldwide at the famous Hyde Park Speaker's Corner.

While in London, Garvey met Duse Mohammed Ali, editor of the African Times and Orient Review. Ali, an Egyptian scholar, introduced Garvey to many ideas which played an important role in Garvey's future thinking.

This background gave Garvey the tools he needed to become one of our true 20th century freedom fighters. Garvey arrived in Harlem, New York on March 16, 1916.

By 1919, Garvey was well established as the President General UNIA/ACL which had a member-

ship of over three million people with more than 300 branches in the U.S.

Perhaps Garvey's greatest contribution to the upliftment of our people was his ability to find a formula for organizing African people around the African principle, the greatest good for the greatest number.

This was reflected in the first international Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World in Madison Square Garden in 1920. Over twenty-five thousand Black people from all over the world showed the cheering of Red, Black and Green as the colors of the Provisional Government.

In this context, Garvey and the UNIA/ACL had established an economic arm, the Negro Factories Corporation, with cooperative shops, restaurants, steam laundry shops, tailor shops, dressmaking shops, millinery stores, a doll factory to manufacture Black dolls and a publishing house. Also, Garvey had formed a steamship corporation.

We need to revitalize the spirit of Marcus Mosiah Garvey. It is needed now more than ever before.

School buildings on stronger ground than the education taught them

By Darlene Kennedy

Unlikely any of the educator cum cinematographers who shot the footage were assisted by Steven Spielberg or roving squads from George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic. After hunkering the Democrats for years, Hollywood blew an opportunity to do what it does best—invent fiction. Sen. Moseley-Braun's amendment to reinstate the \$5 billion was rejected in a 56-43 Senate vote.

The canard here is that America's educational infrastructure will disintegrate without assistance from Uncle Sam. To believe the President, Washington is responsible for fixing bad plumbing in Mississippi kindergartens and broken ceiling tiles in Montana high schools—not to mention ensuring that each child is fed, has a computer, is linked to the Internet, has positive self-esteem at the end of the day, and knows how to utilize the proper phrygicant to avoid contracting AIDS. Again, as before, the American people are bombarded with sad stories and poignant pictures of helpless children led by hapless instructors who can't possibly teach without immediate intervention from Uncle Sugar.

Does President Clinton really believe the reason American children aren't learning is because the buildings aren't sufficiently refurbished? That American children, compared to children from virtually every other civilized nation, are scoring so low in standardized math, science and reading tests because their schoolhouses are in disrepair? Let's have a reality check, folks. Most children aren't learning well in the public schools because many

teachers as well as some parents are not doing their jobs. Parents who attempt to take an active role in their child's education are too often met with stonewalling and excuses from teachers, their unions, and top-heavy school administrations.

Conveniently left off the radar screen by advocates of more spending are the success stories. These include children in home schooling and children who excel in Catholic and other parochial schools (sn't it something how Catholic schools accomplish so much with just a fraction of the funds state schools spend per pupil, and in buildings usually far older)? Yet the President persists in trying to pour more money into school buildings, computers and self-esteem programs when the real problem is not how much we as a society insist on spending, but

what we insist our children learn.

Without a doubt no parent, including myself, wants a child to attend classes in buildings that are structurally unsound and dangerous.

There's a tremendous difference, however, between hazardous conditions and aesthetic eyesores. Patching holes, painting the walls and changing light bulbs can be a priority, but not when a \$5 billion-price tag is attached.

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Monmouth selected for Work First NJ pilot project

FREEHOLD—The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been selected by the Board of Directors of NJ Transit to host one of two demonstration projects in New Jersey designed to develop transportation programs for Work First NJ participants. It is a part of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's multi-faceted \$3.7 million transportation initiative to help current welfare recipients achieve independence by reducing dependence on government entitlement.

The freeholders will receive a \$500,000 grant to enable Work First NJ participants to use existing bus and van service provided for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

New offerings in continuing education featured in new catalogue from NJIT

NEWARK—The 1997-98 edition of the Continuing Professional Education catalogue, which details the wide array of undergraduate, graduate and professional education courses available from the Office of Continuing Professional Education at New Jersey Institute of Technology, is now available. New this year are Company Collaborative Graduate Certificates in Fiber Optics and Optical Science, Flexible Manufacturing and Assembly Systems Design, Plastic/Polymer Engineering and Robotics, Control and Emerging Technologies. Also, NJIT is offering for the first time certificate programs in "Managing Human Resources" and "Pollution Prevention and Control." For a copy of the catalogue, call 973-396-3060 or 1-800-624-9850.

Head Start Pre-Training begins

NEWARK—The opening session for the New Jersey Head Start Council Head Start Program annual pre-service staff training will be held on Monday, August 18th, 10:00 am at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, Newark. Mayor Sharpe James will give the keynote address in the morning session, and Cleveland author will give the keynote address for the afternoon session. For more information, contact Audrey West (973)621-6081.

HCCC receives HSI-work study program grant

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College will be one of twelve community colleges in the country to receive part of a \$1.5 million grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HCCC is the only community college in the state awarded the grant which totals \$91,400. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced that the \$1.5 million in grants were awarded to 12 community colleges serving large Latino populations to assist economically disadvantaged and minority students learning to build strong communities.

New Jersey sues South Jersey car dealership

NEWARK—New Jersey has filed a 21-count complaint against a Burlington car dealership, alleging that it defrauded consumers by failing to honor sales prices, charging them for products they never bought and using other unlawful and deceptive practices to sell and lease new and used cars, Attorney General Peter

Verniero and Division of Consumer Affairs Director Mark S. Herr said recently.

The complaint, filed in Burlington County Superior Court, alleges that Dodge City, Inc., of 2000 Route 130 South, Burlington, also repeatedly violated the state's Consumer Fraud Act when it used false advertising and other deceptive means to lure consumers into visiting its showroom, only to later

defraud those consumers.

The state is asking that Dodge City pay restitution to victimized consumers and pay penalties to the state for the alleged violations.

"The Consumer Fraud Act is designed to protect the citizens of this state from fraudulent and deceptive acts," Verniero said. "New Jerseyans should be assured that they are getting what they pay for."

"The complaint alleges that there were serious violations of the Consumer Fraud Act," Herr said. "Cars are a necessity in our state, not luxuries, and we have to make sure that when people buy or lease cars, the transactions are free from fraud." The complaint alleges that Dodge City's salespeople repeatedly negotiated sales prices with customers, only to refuse to honor them

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James opposes proposal for liquor sales



NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James, last Wednesday denounced a City Council's ordinance that would extend the hours of purchase for the off premises consumption of liquor.

"This is a proposal that tears at the very fabric of our neighborhoods," the Mayor said of the ordinance that passed in a vote of 5 to 4.

The measure, sponsored by West Ward Councilman Ronald Rice, would extend the operating hours that taverns are allowed to sell liquor for off premises consumption from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

James had made plans early to attend the Council meeting to make a personal appeal to the governing body to reject the ordinance.

"It doesn't make sense to make liquor more readily available to those unsavory members of our community who drink openly on street corners, verbally abuse our elderly and young children and threaten our families," the Mayor stated.

The official called it "irresponsible and unconscionable" on the part of the governing body to extend the privilege of purchasing liquor to 3 a.m. "Doesn't this undermine the efforts of the Quality of Life Committee, created by the City Council and chaired by Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins, who have devoted many hours to drafting proposals and programs that would improve the quality of life for our citizens?" he queried.

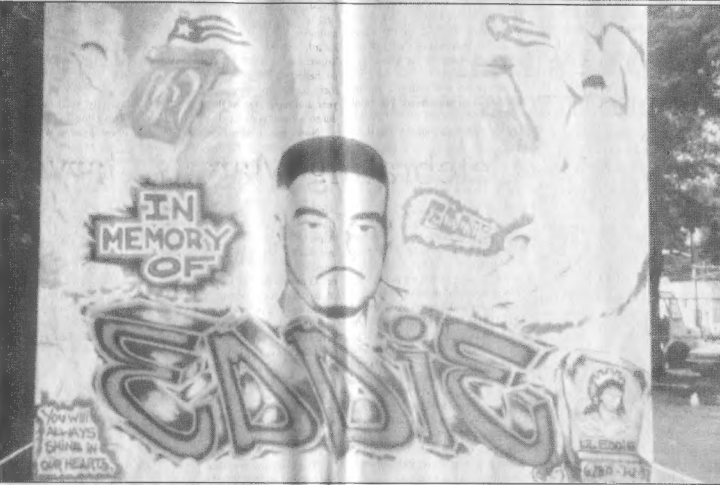
James said the proliferation of taverns throughout Newark—approximately 19 per square mile—has been a constant source of concern among city residents. "We are seeking to retire these liquor licenses wherever possible, and certainly don't need to entertain a proposal to enhance tavern activities that would be counterproductive to our efforts."

Currently, the City of Newark has 466 restaurants, clubs, lounges and packaged stores licensed to sell liquor. The Rice proposal will allow bars to extend the time that they are allowed to sell alcoholic beverages for takeout to coincide with the 3 a.m. closing time from taverns.

"The fact that bars and taverns are open to 3 a.m. should satisfy anyone's need for a drink," said James. "There is no conceivable reason for anyone to have to purchase liquor for takeout beyond the current 10 p.m. restriction."

He scoffed at the charge by some that persons would go to neighborhood towns that sell liquor beyond 10 p.m. "Let them go to South Orange, Irvington and East Orange if they want to buy alcohol. These towns too are beginning to see the same problems we are experiencing in Newark with the proliferation of drinking and the abuse that those under its influence inflict on innocent people."

Remembering Eddie



Mural stands in local park in memory of Eddie Mercado, whose death was caused by an accidental fall off a roof July 12.

Jersey City boasts 99 percent tax collection rate

JERSEY CITY—The City of Jersey City ended FY '97 with an impressive 99.43 percent tax collection rate, surpassing last year's record of 96.9 percent.

This increase will allow the City to lower its reserve for uncollected taxes by over \$5 million from last year's \$6.9 million to an estimated \$1.5 million for the '98 fiscal year's budget.

City officials said that the 99.43 percent figure is the product of three

factors: 1) the stabilization of City taxes, 2) strong continued interest in the tax lien market and 3) a change in State law which allows municipalities to discount tax appeals from their collection calculation. Under the new law the City is able to omit revenue that can no longer be collected due to tax appeal judgments rendered by the Hudson County Board of Taxation or the State Superior Court.

The new law also allows municipalities to disregard the "added and omitted" component of its levy figures from its tax collection formula.

The "added and omitted" component represents increases or decreases in taxes which are recorded on the tax rolls after the City's tax levy and tax rate are certified by the County.

Under the old calculation system Jersey City's tax collection rate for FY '97 would have been 97.28 percent, still high enough to shatter City records.

"Maintaining a high tax collection rate will allow us to keep taxes stable and affordable for the homeowners in Jersey City."

Since taking office in 1992, we

have saved taxpayers over \$82 million — or an average of \$17 million per year — as a result of increasing our tax collection rate. We hope to continue this forward progress by continuing to educate taxpayers about the importance of paying their taxes on time," said Mayor Bret Schundler.

As the following chart illustrates, the City's tax collection rate has increased from 82.8 percent to 99.43 percent during Mayor Schundler's tenure, enabling the City to reduce its reserve for uncollected taxes by almost \$33 million.

Schering-Plough foundation gives \$25,000 grant

ELIZABETH—The Schering-Plough Foundation has donated a \$25,000 grant to the Elizabeth Development Company for job training.

The grant was negotiated by Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste, who has worked with the Elizabeth Development Company to develop several other employment training conferences and programs for unemployed and under-employed men and women.

Mayor Chris Bollwage noted that the grant from Schering-Plough is part of an ongoing process by the city to reach out to businesses throughout Union County for assistance with employment training.

"By investing in employment training," companies such as Schering-Plough will realize a brighter future by building a base of properly prepared employees near by their facilities," Bollwage said. "We are thankful for the donation and look forward to making the most out of it."

Schering-Plough Foundation has donated the money for the Job Club administered by the Elizabeth Development Company. The Job Club was created by Mayor Bollwage in 1994.

The program is specifically designed to assist Elizabeth residents in obtaining employment. Employers who hire through the job club may be eligible for employee tax credits and/or unemployment insurance rebates for each employee hired. Training incentives may also be available to Elizabeth employers who agree to train residents hired through the Job Club.

Seton Hall's new school prepares diplomats for 21st century

SOUTH ORANGE—Bosnia, Rwanda, Kuwait—all are thousands of miles from Seton Hall University's New Jersey campus. Yet these countries and the many others that make up the ever-shrinking global community may be the

beneficiaries of this diocesan school's newly announced commitment to providing undergraduate, graduate and professional education for career diplomats from around the world.

Announcing the formation of Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy and International Relations (SODIR), University President Monsignor Robert Sheeran noted the rapid pace of globalization during the past decade and the vital role that professional diplomats play in peacekeeping, economic development and human rights around the world. "As United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan said early this year 'the world's first line of defense is diplomacy,'" Monsignor Sheeran says. "Seton Hall intends to provide students

from the United States and around the world with the professional and academic tools necessary to make an effective contribution to the growth of multilateral diplomacy."

The formation of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations is an outgrowth of Seton Hall's alliance with the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNAUSA), the nation's leading center for research and information on the work of the United Nations. Through its 26,000 members in the United States and 66 affiliated organizations worldwide, UNAUSA provides international relations information and educational materials to the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government, the corporate community, news media, diplomatic community and the general public.

SODIR is Seton Hall's ninth school/college to be established at the 141-year old institution. Prior to SODIR, Seton Hall had not added a new school/college since 1987, when the School of Graduate Medical Education was established.

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New Jersey outreach workers honored

WOODBIDGE—To recognize their invaluable role in helping New Jersey citizens live full and healthy lives, Governor Christine Todd Whitman has proclaimed September 22-28, 1997 as New Jersey Outreach Worker Week and September 25 as New Jersey Outreach Worker Day.

In celebration of this honor, hundreds of outreach workers from across New Jersey are expected to attend the New Jersey Outreach Worker Recognition Luncheon on September 25 from 10-3 p.m. at The Woodbridge Hilton, in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Health outreach workers are concerned with primary health care and improving the health of their neighbors. Today, the barriers confronting the medically underserved include: poverty, cultural differences, lack of transportation, low literacy and lack of access to and/or knowledge about services. Outreach workers break down these barriers and bridge the gap between the clinicians and the community thereby improving access to primary care. Outreach workers can increase the use of available preventative health services, increase the effectiveness of the health care delivery system and the provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate care, reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life of their neighbors.

The purpose of New Jersey Outreach Worker Day 1997 is to bring together hundreds of New Jersey outreach workers to provide them with the opportunity to network, meet as a statewide group, discuss important aspects of their jobs, gain recognition, support one another, increase self-esteem.

Survey reveals when it comes to dinner "There's no place like home"

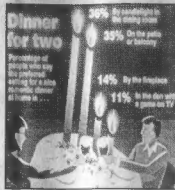
SPRINGDALE, AR—America is a country of restaurant-lovers, however, when given The choice, they would make chicken and pasta combinations and chicken stir fry for dinner more often if preparing



most people would prefer to eat at home, based on the findings of a national survey of 1,000 people conducted by Market Facts, Inc. for Tyson Restaurant Favorites The survey

revealed that nearly one-third of people rate going out to eat among their favorite leisure activities. The main reason is to have meals we wouldn't or couldn't prepare at home, cited by 29 percent of people. Of typical restaurant menu items, as many as half of those surveyed say

they would make chicken and pasta combinations and chicken stir fry for dinner more often if preparing



these dishes at home were quick and easy.

When it comes to eating at home, the men and women surveyed agree that saving money is the pri-

mary benefit, however women proved more cost-conscious than men. Conversely, more than women say it's "more relaxing" to dine at home. And around one quarter agree they just "prefer home cooking to restaurant food."

The survey reveals that the traditional candlelit dinner in the dining room is the setting preferred by most for a romantic dinner for two. Not surprisingly, dinner in the den in front of a game on TV was among the least preferred settings for a romantic meal.

When asked the type of celebrity they would most like to have as their dinner companion, a stand-up comedian ranked first overall. Among men, professional athletes were tied for top pick, while women say their second choice would be a

daytime talk show host.

"The survey findings confirm that Americans want the best of both worlds: a restaurant-style meal enjoyed in the comfort of their own home," says John Lea, vice president and general manager of retail sales and marketing for Tyson Foods, Inc.

UMDNJ's Board of Concerned Citizens honors three Essex county residents

The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Concerned Citizens has honored three Essex County residents for their outstanding service and dedication to the City of Newark.

Kathleen Cinotti of Glen Ridge, Carlos Figueroa of Newark and Mary Rone of Newark are the recipients of the 1997 UMDNJ Board of Concerned Citizens Community Service Award.

"With these awards, we recognize acts of unselfishness, service, compassion and commitment to others," said Mary Mathis-Ford, chairperson of the UMDNJ-Board of Concerned Citizens. "The award winners work in a variety of programs, but they share a wonderful attribute. They are dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for Newark citizens."

Ms. Cinotti, a former nurse and

mother of five grown children, has been an active volunteer in the field of health for many years. In the mid-1970s, she supervised and conducted eye screening examinations for Newark pre-schoolers for the Eye Institute of New Jersey and Newark Eye & Ear Infirmary and volunteered on the Eye Screening Mobile Unit set up in Military Park in Newark.

Ms. Cinotti has been chairperson of the nursing awards program at UMDNJ-University Hospital and coordinated the Urban League's Chestnut Street teenage pregnancy program in Newark.

She is currently a board member for the Alliance for Children and in the Committee of the Board of Ethics of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. She also volunteers for two projects that provide health care services to indigent residents in Naples, Fla.

Officer Figueroa is a detective in the Newark Police Department and also a senior at Rutgers-Newark. He is first vice president of the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County and a member of several other civic organizations, including the Sharpe James Civic Association and Luis Quintana Civic Association.

He has received several awards from the Newark Police Department, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Police Benevolent Association. He has also received several mayoral citations and been cited in several Newark City Council resolutions.

Ms. Rone, a Newark resident for 36 years, has been actively involved in tenants issues related to public housing. She is currently president of New Horizon Gardens, Inc., her community association, and president of the Newark Tenants Council.

Inc., a citywide tenants organization. She is president of the New Jersey Association of Public and Subsidized Housing Residents, Inc., and was the first public housing resident to serve on that board.

She is also chairperson of two committees of the National Coalition of Residents/Tenants to Save Public and Assisted Housing and last March testified before Congress on legislation related to public housing.

Ms. Rone is a certified social worker and supervises the Office of Child Support Enforcement for the Essex County Welfare Board, where she has worked for 27 years.

The Board of Concerned Citizens, comprising Newark area residents, business leaders and professionals, and UMDNJ students and staff, serves as a bridge between UMDNJ's Newark campus and the surrounding community.

Holy Name Hospital offers new drug abuse program

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital has formed an affiliation with High Focus Centers (HFC) substance abuse treatment facilities to offer a new treatment program for adults and adolescents. Outpatient services are provided at High Focus Centers in Saddle Brook and inpatient detoxification and medical treatments are provided at Holy Name Hospital.

The program ensures quality care and comprehensive services for those suffering from the consequences of abusing alcohol or other drugs.

Paul Ferbank, M.D., an experienced clinician and High Focus liaison at Holy Name Hospital, provides consultations through the hospital's Department of Behavioral Health.

Crisis intervention is available 24-hours a day, and bilingual assessments also are available.

While hospitalized, patients are ensured appropriate attention for their substance abuse problems and a post-discharge plan that includes a comprehensive rehabilitation program.

U.S. babies at risk of suffering lifelong chronic illnesses

NEW YORK—The Progress of Nations 1997, released by the U.S. Committee for UNICEF at a press conference in New York, found that 15 million U.S. infants born in the United States today may not be receiving the best possible nutrition in the immediate, crucial hours following birth. This is due to a lack of technical support for breastfeeding in this country which prevents mothers of newborn infants from successfully introducing them to breastfeeding. According to the Report, one major reason for this lack of support is hospital personnel in the U.S. and worldwide is the global violation by more than 32 companies of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. Adopted 16 years ago by the World Health Assembly, the Code seeks to protect breastfeeding "an unequalled way of providing the ideal food for the healthy growth and development of infants."

The Progress of Nations 1997 also reports that violation of the Code could cost the lives of an estimated 1.5 million children worldwide each year who are fed formula instead of breastmilk and/or receive improperly breastfed.

Breastmilk has been scientifically proven to be an incomparable source of nutrition for infants during the first six months of life. Among other benefits, it contains all the nutrients vital for nourishment and growth factors that are believed to help in tissue development and antibodies to protect infants from infections. In comparison, formula-fed babies have been found to have increased levels of asthma, allergies, eczema, diabetes and ulcerative colitis. They are 5 to 8 times more at risk of childhood lymphoma and tend to score lower on mental development tests than children who have been breastfed.

"It is in the best interest of our children that breastfeeding be protected in the U.S. and around the world. Science has proven that there is simply no better way to give children the best opportunity for a healthy life than to help mothers breastfeed for the first six months of life," said Charles J. Lyons, president of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF. "While our intention is not to impose breastfeeding on new

mothers, we do feel it important that they know as much as possible about the health benefits associated with breastfeeding. To this end, the U.S. Committee for UNICEF will support the implementation of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative in the U.S. to the best of our ability in collaboration with Baby-Friendly USA."

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) is a global program sponsored by UNICEF and the World Health Organization to encourage and recognize hospitals and birthing centers that offer an optimal level of care for lactation. It was introduced in the United States in 1993.

Karin Cadwell, executive director of Baby-Friendly USA, added: "The real challenge we now face in the United States is to provide the necessary support to new mothers. This will not only greatly benefit the child's health, but that of the mother. Because breastfeeding has received so much promotional attention—even from formula companies—many women enter the hospital intending to breastfeed and believing it is the best thing for the child. When they do not receive the support to do so, and subsequently miss the opportunity, they can often experience guilt and worry that their child is not receiving the best possible nutrition, but feel powerless to change the situation."

The Progress of Nations 1997 also ranked countries on a scale of one to four to determine how well they have enforced the Code through "national legislation, regulations or other suitable measures. A ranking of one indicates that a country has enacted legislation that implements the Code in its entirety; a ranking of four means no legislative action has been taken. The U.S. received a ranking of four, though it is important to note, says Ms. Cadwell, that this ranking refers only to legislative action. "The Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau initiated numerous activities to protect breastfeeding during the past several years," said Charles J. Lyons, president of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF. "While our intention is not to impose breastfeeding on new

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Today, it is preparing to launch a media campaign funded by the U.S.D.A. to promote breastfeeding. "What can be done? The U.S. Committee for UNICEF will take a proactive, advocacy-oriented approach to improving and increasing support for breastfeeding in the United States by supporting the creation of Baby-Friendly USA, Baby-Friendly USA, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to implementing the BFHI nationwide, will launch next month. Implementation of the BFHI involves various actions by a hospital to give breastfeeding mothers the information, confidence, and skills needed to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding their babies. Once a hospital demonstrates commitment to creating an environment supportive of proper breastfeeding as outlined by UNICEF and the World Health Organization in The Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, Hospitals, it receives a Certificate of Intent. The next step is for the hospital to indicate it is ready for assessment by Baby-Friendly USA. If it passes assessment, it is awarded the Baby-Friendly Award.

The Progress of Nations 1997 report, published annually, ranks nations according to their progress on key issues affecting the health, welfare and rights of children. It brings together statistics on each country's progress towards a set of goals for reaching basic human needs. The 1997 report includes new league tables on sanitation, under-5 mortality rates, and women in ministerial positions and it presents data on HIV/AIDS, levels of overseas aid, educational achievement, juvenile justice, youth unemployment, alcohol abuse and school bullying. The U.S. Committee for UNICEF works for the survival, protection, and development of children worldwide through education, advocacy, and fund-raising. Commemorating its 50th anniversary this year, it is the oldest of 38 national committees in industrialized countries that support UNICEF's mission. More information can be obtained by calling 1-800-FOR-KIDS or visiting the U.S. Committee for UNICEF's home page at www.unicefusa.org.

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BILLBOARD CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

NEWARK—Susan Taylor's Broadway Band at PSEG's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

ELIZABETH—Friends of the Elizabeth Public Library presents "The Funerals" a four star film shot in Elizabeth. For more information, call 908-354-6000.

NEW YORK—North Plaza - Jazz on the Plaza with Kinnin Dintulu and His Organic Jazz Society Lincoln Center. For more information, call 212-875-5108.

BROOKLYN—The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has the perfect solution for those end of the summer blues - Island Fever, the hot new BBQ festival. For more information, call 718-622-4433.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

NEWARK—The Newark Museum Garden jazz Concerts presents Bruce Williams Quintet. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

PISCATAWAY—The Circle Players of Piscataway presents "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" a musical for the entire family. For more information, call 732-968-7555.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

PARSIPPANY—Single Faxes, NJ's premiere singles organization dance party at the Sheraton Tara. For more information, call 908-482-2414.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

NEW YORK—Take a flashback to the 80s and enjoy Zinno's bar & restaurant first menu in 1981. At 1981 prices, and in their Panasonic Jazz Festival, featuring Rufus Wainwright. For more information, call 212-624-5182.

NEW YORK—Central Park Conservancy presents great jazz on the Great Hill featuring jazz Lincoln Center. Enjoy the Sounds of Roy Hargrove's Circle. For more information, call 212-860-1370.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

NEWARK—Reeltime at PSEG's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

NEWARK—Dynasty Band at PSEG's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

NEWARK—PSEG Gospel at PSEG's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

EAST BRUNSWICK—Stagecrafters of South River is proud to announce their fall production of "GREASE" directed by David Paschke. Needed are many enthusiastic actors, singers, and dancers 14 years and older. For more information, call 732-528-1860.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NEWARK—Souls of Integrity at PSEG's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HOLMDEL—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Performance at the PNC Bank Arts Center. For ticket information, call 201-507-8900.

Essence music festival best ever!



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Pictured: Patti LaBelle wows the crowd at the 1997 Essence Music Festival. The Festival, called the "Party With a Purpose," attracted nearly 150,000 people to New Orleans during the July 4 weekend. Festival sponsors were Anheuser-Busch Companies, The Coca-Cola Company and General Mills, Inc. The main-stage lineup offered the biggest names in music, including Kirk Franklin and The Family, The O'Jays, The Isley Brothers, New Edition, Ashford and Simpson with Maya Angelou, Solo and Morris Day and The Time.

Artist Angela Robinson to exhibit paintings



Surrealist painter Angela Robinson will exhibit her new works in a show entitled "The Face and Figure of Passion" at The Pinnacle Gallery in Savannah, Georgia from Friday, August 22 through Monday, September 8, 1997. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, August 21, 1997.

Angela Robinson's work has been the pride of private collectors (including actress Sharon Stone, musician Bobbie McFerrin, comedian Damon Wayans and former Spelman College President Johnetta B. Cole) for many years. For further information, please contact Kenneth R. Reynolds at (212) 938-2364.

Raging Planet witnesses mother nature's Fury



They're the biggest, most terrifying storms on earth. And they're coming to television this August with footage so dramatic it doesn't need special effects. So forget the flying cows, it's time for Raging Planet on Discovery Channel.

This 10-part series of world premiere uses original footage to explore the superpowers of natural phenomenon, from blizzards to tidal waves. It's first two episodes, Tornado and Hurricane, blow into view August 17, 9-11 PM and 1-3 AM (ET/PT).

On-the-scene footage, satellite imagery, special effects and historical footage give viewers a unique understanding of the causes, courses and consequences of nature's most awesome forces. The series also explains the effects of natural disasters on the earth's population and landscape.

For Tornado and Hurricane, Raging Planet producers had camera crews waiting in "Tornado Alley," the highly susceptible corridor through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and along the hurricane-prone southeast coast. What they got on film was worth the wait.

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Rod McGaha: Music with a Message

Nashville trumpeter Rod McGaha is ever-searching for the exact note, perfect arrangement, and colorful composition to fulfill his vision of uniting people and music with a positive perspective.



The fruits of his labor are on The Servant, an album that blends his various influences—ranging from David Bowie and Parliament Funkadelic to Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong—into a unique mix of urban jazz-alternative hip hop. McGaha's social concerns surface in much the same way, where his songs stress unity and love while remaining upbeat.

"The purpose of my music is to bring about unity in people, making a small contribution to bring peace and understanding where there otherwise might be wariness," McGaha said. "Though my music is not gospel per se, many of my greatest moments of inspiration come from sitting in church and reflecting on the messages being discussed."

The first single off his Magnatone Records debut is "Back Porch." McGaha characterizes the track as "a sad commentary on how our society has changed. People used to sit on the front porch and wave hello to each other. Now, with all the gang violence and drive-by, those same folks are hiding in the back."

McGaha has performed with such greats as Take 6, the O'Jays, and BeBe and CeCe Winans. With The Servant, this young talent successfully distinguishes himself as a solo artist on his way to the top.

MCA reissues B.B. King's "Live at the Regal"

UNIVERSAL CITY, CA—Offering a savory taste of the blues, MCA Records is set to reissue an updated version of a classic album by B.B. King, LIVE AT THE REGAL, more than thirty years after it was first recorded. Digitally remastered using 20-bit technology, the album was set to arrive in stores July 29.

Guitar legend B.B. King's LIVE AT THE REGAL, recorded in Chicago, live in concert, on November 21, 1964, is to this day considered one of the finest concert albums of all time. The album received a five-star review from Downbeat Magazine upon release, and has been a perennial favorite ever since. Among the many immortal songs found on the album are "Everyday I Have the Blues," "How Blue Can You Get?," "Woke Up This Mornin'," and "You Done Lost Your Good Thing Now." Together with his guitar Lucille, B.B. King has been the undisputed master of the Blues for nearly half a century. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987, and won a Lifetime Achievement Grammy that same year.



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BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

NEW YORK—Meet WPC's Sponsors: a networking event to be held at La Magenta Ristorante. Exhibit tables will be on display. Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. For more information, call (212) 678-0610.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NEW YORK—The National Business Council is leading its second trade mission to Puerto Rico. The trade mission will conclude on the August 27. The trade mission will be led by NMBC chairman, Ernest P. Gonzalez, chairman and CEO of Captree Chemicals, Inc. For more information call 212-573-2385.

SUNDAY, AUGUST, 24-27

SAN ANTONIO, TX—National Association of African American Chambers of Commerce. Theme: Building An Economic Foundation for the 21st Century. For more information and registration, call 214-871-3060. Fax: 214-871-3020.

SATURDAY, AUGUST, 30

PISCATAWAY—A reunion of former Corps members and staff of the Job Corps Center located at the former Kamp Kijiki site in Edison. The program sponsored by the US Department of Labor has been known as Kijiki Job Corps Center, NJ Residential Manpower Training Center, and NJ Job Corps. For more information, call 609-985-5215.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SADDLE BROOK—How to develop and deliver powerful employee orientation programs—a one day seminar, for managers, supervisors and HR personnel at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

NEW YORK—"The Voice of Authority" is a breakfast symposium featuring NYCHA, DASH and NYCSCA at the Plaza Center, 235 East 42 Street. Cost: \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. For more information, call (212) 887-0810.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

IRVINGTON—The Township of Irvington and the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors are sponsoring the Contractors Assistance Program. The event will be at the Senior Citizen Center in Irvington. For more information, call 609-392-5600.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEW YORK—How to Develop and deliver powerful employee orientation programs—a one day seminar, for managers, supervisors and HR personnel at American Management Association. For more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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BET Holdings to support the NBCC convention

DENVER—In support of the National Black Chamber of Commerce's (NBCC) Fifth Annual Business Convention, five properties of BET Holdings Inc.—Emergence Magazine, MSBET, BET On Jazz, The Cable Jazz Channel(TM), BET Visa and BET Movies—participated in a number of different activities, Wednesday through Sunday, July 30-Aug. 3, 1997, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver.

BET activities included a BET

Movies Panel, a BET On Jazz Nite with jazz great Ronnie Laws performing, a celebrity golf tournament sponsored by Emergence Magazine, an MSBET Cyber Cafe, and more.

The 1997 NBCC Convention also featured a wide range of panelists and speakers such as the Honorable Andrew Young, astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison; BET Networks President Jefferi K. Lee; Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu; and a performance from jazz great Ronnie Laws. During this year's convention,

NBCC announced its 1997-98 agenda, outlining its 11 point plan creating an infrastructure designed to ensure compliance with economic programs established for and in Black communities.

BET Holdings, Inc., a media-entertainment company publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BTV), owns and operates Black Entertainment Television, the nation's first and only national television network providing a platform for quality pro-

gramming targeted toward African-American viewers. BET is currently seen in more than 50 million cable households nationwide as reported by Nielsen Media Research. Recently recognized as the "Company of the Year" by Black Enterprise magazine, BET Holdings Inc. also owns and operates BET On Jazz, the Cable Jazz Channel(TM), BET Movies/STARZ, BET Action Pay-Per-View, Emergence and B.E.T. Weekend magazines, BET Financial Services and BET SoundStage

Restaurant.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce Inc. was established in 1993, and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. NBCC has more than 158 affiliates representing more than 52,000 businesses across the United States. The National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. was incorporated in Washington D.C. in March 1993. This trade association is devoted to the education of its members on issues which affect their businesses.

Elizabeth launches radio campaign

ELIZABETH—The City of Elizabeth has launched the first phase of its massive promotional campaign with a radio spot that will run on major New York City radio stations aimed at attracting business, jobs, and shoppers from New York by saying "everybody sings about New York, but it's time to tout our horn about my side of the Hudson."

The ad is 60 seconds long and touts nearby the world's fastest growing airport, the Newark Airport in the Newark-Elizabeth area, the Elizabeth support, one of the nation's largest, IKEA, MetroMall, Elizabeth's Midtown area, the three percent sales tax, and Elizabeth's Urban Enterprise Zone program, which is among the nation's highest-ranked, according to the National Association of State Development Agencies. The commercial is scheduled to be broadcast on WBSZ-AM, WFAN-AM and 1010 WINS-AM beginning August 1 and running for the next two weeks. Additional ads will appear in the future.

"We are launching a campaign that will help attract even more new businesses, create even more jobs and raiseables in our city," said Elizabeth's mayor Chris Bollag. "We want businesses to know that we have lower land, labor and tax incentives that will help them to make it here in Elizabeth. Shoppers can take advantage of the lower sales tax."

The radio spot features a rapped-edition voice "scatting" along with an up-tempo jazz tune, "singing the praises" of Elizabeth. Mayor Bollag extends an invitation to "see why businesses are making it in Elizabeth," by calling the Elizabeth Development Company at 201-289-0262.

New officers named at East Orange Chamber of Commerce



The East Orange Chamber of Commerce recently held their Annual Meeting at which they recognized the new officers of the Chamber. The new officers include: From left to right Sharon Hardesty, Broad National Bank, Treasurer; Brian Hemphill, Executive Director; Thurmon Cohen, President, President of Cohen & Associates; Dr. Bruce Theell, DPM, Tannenbaum, Theell and Feldman, past President; George Whittle Williams, City of East Orange, Second Vice President and Tracy Munford, Essex Valley Healthcare, Inc., Treasurer.

La Mer in Sayreville just what the homebuyer ordered

"In today's market, with so many homebuying choices, new communities must really cater to what most buyers are looking for," said Roz Schwam, marketing director of Kaplan Companies in Highland Park, NJ. "For some, the most important quality is outstanding design. For some, it's commuting convenience." She continued, "Some want a community with lots of neighbors and on-site recreation. Most demand value. At La Mer in Sayreville, we've managed to combine all of the features buyers want

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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All potential bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting to be held at the site on August 25, 1997 at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time.

This project includes the removal/replacement of sidewalk, drainage improvement, grading and miscellaneous landscaping.

This Contract subject to all of the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations and to the applicable provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

All bids shall be made on the forms furnished and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name and address of the Bidder, the name of the owner and Project Title.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (not to exceed \$20,000) of the total bid, payable to the Owner, as a guarantee that if the contract is awarded to the Bidder, he will enter into a contract with the Owner.

The successful Bidder may be required to furnish payment and performance bonds each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award. Each Bidder shall submit with his proposal a completed consent of Surety Form, stating that the surety company will provide him with the required payment and performance bonds, if required.

Contract Documents for the proposed work can be inspected by prospective bidders at the offices of the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, at 98 Ketch Road, Morristown, NJ. Contract documents can be obtained at the same location upon payment of \$25.00 per set, which is not refundable. Payment for plans and specifications will be made to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris.

Neither the Owner nor the Engineer shall be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract documents, including addenda, obtained from any other sources.

The Contract will be awarded the most qualified bidder who meets all of the requirements of the Contract Documents, the right being reserved by the Owner to reject all proposals which may be informal or the acceptance of which, for any other reasons, would be detrimental to the best interests of the Owner and to wage inequalities.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL COUNSEL ONE YEAR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1997 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 LONG BRANCH HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch request proposals for attorneys/law firms to serve

as legal counsel to the Authority for the projects outlined in the request for proposals for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1998.

Proposals should address the following qualification factors which shall be used to evaluate proposals and include the proposal form.

1. Experience with Housing Authority Counsel or HUD legal work or real estate law.
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4. Price.
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6. Affirmative Action.

Demonstrate compliance with requirements P.L. 1978, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27). An Affirmative Action Plan is to be submitted as part of the proposal. Contractor to demonstrate record, ability and goals to make good faith affirmative action effort.

Attorneys submitting proposals must be licensed to practice law in the state of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Housing Authority for proposals between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at (908) 222-3747 extension 124.

Proposals must be submitted to the address above and must be received no later than Friday, September 12, 1997 12 noon in proper format. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in the proposal process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DAVID A. BROWN

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK 57 SUSSEX AVENUE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103 ADDENDUM #1 AUGUST 1, 1997 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 97-P191/1 DEVELOPER'S PACKET 100 TOWNHOUSE UNITS NJ-45

Notice of the following addendum adding and superseding a pertinent portion or portions of the original Request For Proposal package # 97-P191/1 is hereby given to all interested parties for the above project.

AD1-1 All handicapped units in this project shall have a minimum of two (2) bedrooms.

AD1-2 All construction drawings submitted in response to this Request for Proposals showing the interior configuration of the units shall have a scaled representation of the main pieces of furniture (e. g. beds, sofas, tables, chairs, entertainment components, dressers, etc.) as part of the drawings of the interior configuration showing suggested placements of such furniture within the rooms as proposed.

AD1-3 The date of submission remains the same, Wednesday, September 10, 1997 by 2:00pm.

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Farrakhan: Mayor's decision called arrogant

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months ago, Fury lost his bid for reelection in a bitter Democratic primary to Councilman Al McWilliams.

Fury also takes issue with the feeling that Minister Farrakhan and his local followers helped revitalize the city in the past few years. "That's ridiculous," he said. "The people of Plainfield revitalized this city. (Farrakhan) is a religious leader. He is not an economic developer, he is not a businessperson—so how could he be helped to revitalize the city?"

"Yes, (Farrakhan) is, for lack of a better description, a 'religious

leader,' but more so than a religious leader, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is a man backed by God to usher and bring in a new world order in the coming millennium," said Minister Wallace D. Muhammad of Mosque No. 80. He further pointed out that the message of justice equality, and doing-for-itself is rooted in economics, dispelling Fury's assertion that he is not an economic leader, and that the mayor's statements is a prolific example of his desire to maintain the status quo.

"To say that the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has done nothing for the city of Plainfield, is

absurd, foolish, crazy, blind, and arrogant statement," Minister Muhammad continued. "The Honorable Louis Farrakhan has championed the cause for remaking the minds of the people. I think that it is very, very important that the citizens of Plainfield know where we stand as leaders of the community in terms of the new world coming in and the old world going out."

The City Council does have the power to issue a proclamation to Minister Farrakhan, however should they decide against it, Minister Muhammad put it in perspective. "We thought that it would be beneficial to the community of Plainfield

to honor a man of such stature...especially if a man can call a million men to march and two and a half million come out."

"The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan does not work or commit himself to the service of the long hard work we have witnessed in his life for the approval of awards and things of that sort from those in position to recognize his efforts in the Black community," Minister Muhammad concluded. "Farrakhan is a God-inspired man, and he works for freedom, justice, and equality for the approval of God alone. The Koran said, 'Allah is sufficient.'"

Profile

Passaic County College Dean of Student and Cultural Affairs

Donald Generals, Jr., Dean of Student and Cultural Affairs, Passaic County College, is a leader in the area of change and opportunity for urban education and its constituents. His area of responsibility includes management and development of student affairs including the areas of Counseling, Cultural Affairs, Student Activities and

Recreation.

Before assuming this position, Donald held the positions at the College as the director of the Academic Skills Resources Center, Director of Testing and Adjunct Instructor. He is also active on the Passaic/Bergen Merger Committee, the Challenge Grant Writing Committee, and the Diversity Committee.

Generals holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from William Paterson College. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Rutgers University. His professional activities have included membership on the Executive Committee of the National Council on Black American Affairs-Northeast Region, the New Jersey Association for Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development, and the Paterson YMCA Board of Directors.

Born and raised in Paterson, Donald has been involved in various local political activities. He has also coordinated free jazz concerts in Paterson's East Side Park, and raised funds through his work with the Urban Community Unity Ensemble.

New Brunswick: school board seats filled

identifies a member of a well-known and admired New Brunswick clan, the Selby family, whose mother is a next-door neighbor of city council member Robert Racine, and neighbor of Finklestein, the school board has had at least one member from this neighborhood, which is the same as the mayor's.

Seawood, like her new board mate is also a familiar figure to those in the city's educational establishment. She is close to New Brunswick High School Principal Fred Brown and William Dunbar, a

popular high school teacher.

However, unlike Sadowski, Seawood lives in tax-exempt Rutgers University housing, as her husband attends the Rutgers Theological Seminary '77. In a city with the country's third highest school property tax rate and 16th highest in the state—assessed at \$1.97 per \$100 of property value—Seawood observes noted this could become an issue when the board enters into contracting negotiations with the teacher's union next year.

The appointments come after Sheehan's sharp criticism of the mayor last month for appointing city employees to the board and for taking months to fill vacant board seats, despite a legal 30-day limit. Until the resignation of Bucca and the change of employment status of another member, James Appleton, three of the seven board members held city jobs.

Starting with the resignation of Diane Lynch in 1994, many of Cahill's appointments were made

well beyond the 30-day limit. Cahill has attributed some of the delay to a bureaucratic, intensive interview process, and the need to find appointees who represent the city's "diverse" population.

The mayor also pointed out that the application of the law can be unclear when a board member misses meetings but does not actually submit a resignation letter.

NJ Sues: NJ sues Dodge City for alleged consumer fraud

at a later date. This typically translated into higher monthly payments for consumers—or worse.

In one instance, the complaint alleges, Dodge City attempted to have police arrest a husband and wife who refused to pay a higher sales price on their new vehicle after the deal was completed.

Dodge City allegedly called the couple, claiming it had made a mistake in its calculation of their vehicle's sales price and attempted to undo the transaction. But the couple,

who had purchased a 1996 Dodge Ram Van, refused to cancel the deal. In response, Dodge City allegedly filed a police report claiming that the couple stole the vehicle. It then had the van removed from the couple's driveway without their knowledge or consent.

Meanwhile, as a result of the bogus allegations, the husband, a corrections officer, was suspended from his job; court papers alleged. He and his wife subsequently filed a stolen vehicle report of their own with the Burlington Township Police Department. Shortly thereafter, Dodge City withdrew its charges and the couple agreed to cancel the transaction in exchange for a full refund.

The other violations allegedly occurred between 1994 and 1996.

Jersey School Board Association.

Commenting on the appointment of the elder Seawood to the board, where her son is a nonvoting student member, Patella said the last parent-offspring tandem in the area occurred in Monroe Township, earlier this decade.

"It's relatively rare," he said, "but it happens from time to time."

During the two-year period, Dodge City also allegedly: failed to honor the full amount of negotiated trade-in allowances; lied to certain consumers that as part of their sales agreements, they were required to purchase extended warranty options and/or disability life insurance; failed to fully credit consumers for manufacturer rebates; lied to consumers about the mileage of certain vehicles; and convinced consumers to purchase certain options that were not recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer.

Specifically, Dodge City suggested to a consumer that he purchase "sound & seal," a rust-proofing option, which voided the manufacturer's warranty.

The complaint also alleges Dodge City "baited and switched"

consumers by advertising vehicles with low sales prices and later switched the consumers who responded to the advertisements to higher-priced vehicles. Dodge City continued to advertise the same vehicles at the lower price—even after refusing to sell them to consumers for the advertised, lower price.

"We owe a word of thanks to the Burlington County Consumer Affairs office and its director Renee Borkstad for working so closely with us on this matter," Herr said. "Our working together represents the state's on-going commitment to fighting for consumers and against fraud in New Jersey." Deputy Attorney General Linda Romano McGloin of the Division of Law is handling this case for the state.

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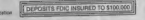
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